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SUBJ: DESTABILIZATION ENTERS SURINAM PARLANCE

1. LOCAL LEFT-LEANING DAILY "VRIJE STEM" PUBLISHED FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL DECEMBER 14 CHARGING CIA WITH INVOLVEMENT IN UNDERMINING GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND ASSERTING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES HAVE DECLARED "TOTAL WAR" ON GUYANA, DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING GUYANA INTO DISCREDIT INCLUDING BOYCOTTING HER EXPORTS OF BAUXITE, SUGAR, AND RICE. CONSEQUENCE OF CAPITALIST EFFORTS, EDITORIAL CONTINUES, HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN GUYANA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND MORE DIFFICULTIES FOR HER PEOPLE.

2. ECHOING DESTABILIZATION CHARGES HEARD ELSEWHERE, EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CAUSE QUARRELS BETWEEN GUYANA AND BRAZIL AND GUYANA AND VENEZUELA AND THUS TO BRING DOWN THE GOG AND ESTABLISH A RIGHT-WING CAPITALIST REGIME. REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF CUBANS WERE TRAINING GUYANESE  
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IN GUYANA AND THAT GUYANESE AIRFIELDS WERE BEING USED BY CUBAN PLANES CARRYING SOLDIERS TO ANGOLA ARE DESCRIBED AS "FALSEHOODS."

3. AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PRESS AGENCIES (AP, UPI, REUTER, AFP, AND ANP), DESCRIBED AS "INSTRUMENTS OF THE CAPITALIST

FIRST WORLD," ARE CHARGED WITH EXPLOITING THE THIRD WORLD. A RECENT ANP REPORT DESCRIBING GUYANA'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES INCLUDING NEWS OF MILK SHORTAGE IN GUYANA IS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE AND ANOTHER GOOD REASON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD WORLD INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY. ONLY IN THIS WAY, THE EDITORIAL IMPLIES, CAN THE THIRD WORLD DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM WHICH HAS REPLACED COLONIALISM.

4. LESSONS DRAWN FOR SURINAM INCLUDE NEED FOR DOMESTIC PROCESSING OF BAUXITE AND RICE INTO FINISHED FORMS, I.E., ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM GOODS AND POLISHED RICE AND FLOUR, AND LINKAGE OF RICE AND BAUXITE PRICES TO COST OF IMPORTED GOODS. NEW ECONOMIC ORDER THEMES RING THROUGHOUT THE ARTICLE.

5. COMMENT: GENESIS TF EDITORIAL WAS ANP REPORT MENTIONED ABOVE AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENT WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29. "VRIJE STEM," IN WHICH EDITORIAL APPEARED, IS NOTED FOR ITS LEFTIST VIEWS, WHICH ARE NOT SHARED BY VAST MAJORITY OF SURINAM'S DECISION MAKERS. NONETHELESS, IT IS WIDELY READ AND CAN INFLUENCE LOCAL OPINION, PARTICULARLY IF THE DISINFORMATION IT PUBLICIZES GOES UNANSWERED BY MORE RESPECTED NEWS SOURCES. ANP ITSELF HAS LOCAL REPUTATION OF OBJECTIVITY. ZURHELLEN

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